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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 2/ 26/ 02 4:00 p.m.  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 2/ 26/ 02 10:00 a.m.  
NATURE OF CALL: Chiropractor Arraigned on Charges  
LOCATION OF CALL: Family Chiropractic Center,  
5035 North Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay, CA.  
CASE NUMBER: SO-02-912  
RELEASED BY: Sgt. Jeffrey Granum, Tahoe Investigations

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Carnelian Bay Chiropractor Steven Eugene Clifford, a 48 year old Kings Beach resident was arrested for sexual battery to a patient on 1/ 25/ 02. Clifford was booked for the charges and released after posting his bail, which was set at \$10,000.

During the sexual battery it is alleged that Clifford had inappropriately touched the patient's breasts during his chiropractic treatment.

Further investigation revealed several more patients who had been Clifford's victims. Deputy District Attorney Christopher Cattran reviewed subsequent reports and evidence and filed a felony complaint listing additional charges with the Superior Court including assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury, forcible oral copulation, sodomy by use of force, anal or genital penetration by a foreign object, child molesting and seven additional counts of sexual battery.

Clifford, who was not present in court, was represented by his attorney today at the Placer County Superior Court in Tahoe City. Clifford was arraigned on the charges and his attorney entered a "not guilty" plea. A preliminary conference in this matter has been set for March 11th at 8:30 a.m. at the Superior Court in Tahoe City.

Investigations Sergeant Jeffrey Granum is requesting that patients and former patients who believe that they may have been victims of inappropriate sexual contact by Dr. Clifford telephone the Placer County Sheriff's Department at 581-6300 or Tahoe Women's Services in King's Beach at 546-7804.

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